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CHINA COAST.

OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS.

LATEST CHANGES.

The following changes on the China Coast are recorded in the latest issue of Shipping and Engineering:—
Captain G. D. S. Mills, from leave, has gone master, "Chungking."
Captain A. V. Harrison of the "Chungking" is on reserve.
Mr. G. A. Ryles, chief officer, "Szechuen," has gone chief officer, "Ningpo."
Mr. W. Dickinson has been appointed second officer, "Hupei."
Mr. C. H. Thompson has been appointed second officer, "Hukow."
Mr. W. L. Thomas has been appointed second officer, "Chinhu."
Mr. C. E. Fisher, second officer, "Hangchow," has gone second officer, "Liangchow."
Mr. J. W. Lamont, second officer, "Chinhu," has gone acting chief officer, "Hupei."
Mr. A. G. McKinnon, second officer, "Hupei," has signed off.
Mr. J. Taylor, supernumerary second officer, "Sunning," has signed off.
Mr. W. Shaw, chief officer, "Kingsing," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Chipper, second officer, "Wenchow," has gone supernumerary second officer, "Hsing Peking."
Mr. W. Price, supernumerary second officer, "Hsing Peking," has gone second officer, "Wenchow."
Mr. A. Campbell, second officer, "Shantung," has gone chief engineer, "Wenchow."
Mr. D. O. Tibburn, second engineer, "Wenchow," has gone second engineer, "Shantung."
Mr. R. G. Palmer, second officer, "Washing," has gone acting chief officer, "Kingsing."
Mr. R. N. McVair, chief officer, "Kingsing," has gone acting master, "Esang."
Captain S. Polkinghorn, of the "Esang," is on leave.
Mr. J. M. Bain, second officer, "Kingsing," has gone second officer, "Washing."
Mr. W. M. Ruxton, second officer, "Esang," has gone second officer, "Tuckwo."
Mr. H. Craig, second officer, "Tuckwo," has gone supernumerary second officer, "Hopsang."
Mr. A. Pirie, supernumerary second officer, "Hopsang," is on leave.
Mr. A. W. Taylor, chief officer, "Kunsang," has gone chief officer, "Kunsang."
Mr. J. F. Nicoll, chief officer, "Kunsang," is on reserve.
Mr. J. D. Carswell, supernumerary second officer, "Yuensang," is on reserve.
Mr. W. Ryden, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kwongsang."
Mr. J. S. Masson, chief officer, "Kwongsang," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Powell, chief officer, "Yuensang," is on reserve.
Mr. W. R. Williams, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Loongsang."
Mr. J. D. Thwaites, second officer, "Hangsang," is on reserve.
Mr. R. V. Wilson, second officer, "Kwaisang," is on reserve.
Mr. W. A. Balch, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kwaisang."
Mr. R. Fox, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Luenho."
Mr. F. Dunstan, from leave, has gone third engineer, "Luenho."
Mr. J. J. Day, third engineer, "Luenho," is on reserve.
Captain O. B. Wilks has signed on master, "Chetoo."
Mr. D. Brath has signed on chief officer, "Chetoo."
Mr. C. Trost has signed on chief officer, "Amherst."
Captain H. P. Robinson, of the "Haitun," has signed off.
Mr. W. Evans has signed on second officer, "Haitun."
Mr. E. M. Matthews, chief officer, "Onlee," has gone chief officer, "Tailee."
Mr. H. S. Land, chief officer, "Tailee," has gone chief officer, "Onlee."
Mr. W. E. Evans, second officer, "Kinsan," has gone chief officer, same ship.
Mr. R. Ferguson, second officer, "Heungshan," has gone second officer, "Kinsan."
Mr. J. Cartwright has signed on second officer, "Derwent."
Mr. W. Jones, second officer, "Devavongse," has signed off.
Mr. E. Manue has signed on chief officer, "Haitun."
Mr. W. Hughes, second officer, "Haitun," has signed off.
Captain I. F. Peacock of the "Singing" is on leave.
Captain C. S. Isister, from reserve, has gone master, "Singing."
Mr. A. Cherriff has been appointed second officer, "Hvahnah."
Captain F. W. Wilson, "Hvahnah," has resigned.
Mr. P. P. McManus, late chief officer, "Wollowra," is deceased.

THEATRE ROYAL.

WARWICK COMEDY CO.

A DELIGHTFUL COMEDY.

With what was unquestionably one of the most enjoyable plays yet submitted by them in Hongkong, the Warwick Comedy Company scored quite a little triumph in the Theatre Royal last night when "Brown Sugar," a sparkling comedy from the Garrick Theatre, was received with more than cordial appreciation by a delighted audience, the size of which bespoke the steady popularity of this talented company. Indeed, the applause, always spontaneous and hearty, amounted to an ovation when nearly a score of beautiful bouquets were presented to Miss Marjory Clark who gave a vivacious interpretation of the leading role.
Rich with a delicious humour, heightened only by an occasional note of the dramatic, the play is delightful for its playful satire and witty repartee. The plot is based on the impetuous marriage of an enthusiastic young peer to a pretty, but frankly human, chorus girl, whose little crudities of speech and candid remarks earn her a frigid reception from her husband's aristocratic relatives. Amusing complications cause the young peer to attempt a return to her former profession, and it is not until a witty theatrical producer is forced to release her from a rash and indiscreet contract that general reconciliation is effected by the happy discovery that the secret whose determined preservation had caused all the trouble, related only to the payment of her young brother-in-law's racing debts.
As already mentioned, Miss Marjory Clark made quite a personal triumph of the leading role by the delightful vivacity with which she played the part of the young peeress, at intervals impulsive, gay, shrewd, and ingenious, but at all times frank and sincere. Miss Beatrix Wyman more than deserved the frequent applause she received for her skilful portrayal of the cold and venomous aristocrat bitterly opposed to the new peeress who had supplanted her in the affections of her cousin, Miss Muriel Aked, who was splendid as the stern, unsympathetic mother-in-law, received special approbation for the realistic acrobatic, with which she played the part. Mr. Frank Wheatley, as the young husband, together with the remainder of an excellent cast, including Mr. Thorpe-Mayne as the theatrical producer, contributed to the outstanding success of the piece.
To-night, by general request, the Company will repeat "The Case of Lady Camber," which made a marked impression when staged earlier in the season.

CHARITY BAZAAR.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

SATURDAY'S SALE OF WORK.

In aid of the Blind Home, the Victoria Home, and the starving children of North China—three more deserving objects it would be hard to find—a sale of work will be opened by Lady Stubbs at 3 o'clock on Saturday, December 18.
While needlework will form the bulk of the articles offered for sale, the bazaar will also include the sale of toys and the usual attractions. Provision has also been made to cater for afternoon tea and other refreshments. A very enjoyable afternoon should therefore result in a material contribution to the funds of the very deserving causes in aid of which the little bazaar is being held.

MATCHED ABLAZE.

MACHINERY DAMAGED.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT FIVE FIGURES.

Yesterday evening a fire broke out in a machined belonging to the Hongkong Electric Company's Power Station at North Point. The Fire Brigade was quickly summoned but on arrival found that the flames had taken such a strong hold of the structure that it was impossible to save it. Precautions were taken to safeguard the neighbouring structures, and these, after a very strenuous fight, were kept untouched. The machined in which the fire originated was used as a store for machinery and cables. The shed itself was completely gutted and while the damage to machinery and cable has not yet been ascertained, it is estimated that it will run into five figures.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 3 1 11 16
To-day's opening rate 3 1 3 13

EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ARMY ESTIMATE.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Supplementary Army Estimate shows estimated increased expenditure of £28,000,000, but this is reduced to £29,500,000 by the postponement of the formation of a special reserve of the Militia, and the fact that the Territorial Army will reach only half the figure hoped for. It is stated that the army has been increased to 226,000, owing to the disturbed state of the world and the temporary shortage in our reserve forces.
The estimate includes £1,500,000 for armoured lorries and cars in Ireland and special measures for the welfare of troops there.
Also included in the Middle East, as a whole, is costing altogether £19,000,000 for the financial year, as compared with £23,000,000 in the original estimate.

AMERICAN NAVY.

WASHINGTON, December 15th.
Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, in the report presented to Congress, emphasizes the fact that the immediate outstanding duty of America is the preservation of adequate home bases on the Pacific, and proceeds to quote President Wilson who said that the American Navy ought to be the most adequate navy in the world.
Mr. Daniels says that he has worked steadily for this ideal and the attainment of this object is now in sight.
The report further states that America must be prepared to defend her interests against any combination. Consequently, the Secretary of the Navy approves of the recommendation of the General Board that Congress should authorize another three year programme to begin as soon as capital ships under construction have been completed. This development, however, would not be required, if the Government provide for an agreement for a concert of nations.
Mr. Daniels dwells on the effects of America's aloofness from the fraternalizing influences which have been quickened in the heart of the Old World, and says that it will mean that dreadnoughts will be added to dreadnoughts, and the United States will be cited as an example of national selfishness and retrogression.

BATTLESHIP CONTROVERSY.

LONDON, December 15th.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Henry Norman, Mr. Lloyd George said that the Imperial Defence Committee was beginning investigation into the question of building new capital ships for the Navy immediately. The Board of the Admiralty, which will be represented on the Committee, would undoubtedly bring all expert advice to aid the Committee. Civilian as well as Naval advice will be taken before a decision is reached.

MARTIAL LAW IN IRELAND.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Commander-in-Chief in Ireland has issued a proclamation in the counties under martial law ordering the surrender of all arms, ammunition and explosives by December 27th. After that anyone found in possession of arms, ammunition and explosives, or wearing without authority the uniform of His Majesty's Forces, or an imitation, or aiding and abetting armed insurgents will be liable to the death penalty.

U.S. IMMIGRATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, December 15th.
The House of Representatives has passed the Immigration Restriction Bill, with an amendment prohibiting all immigration for one year. Party leaders in the Senate predict that the Senate would reject the Bill.

SOUTH-WEST CHINA.

FREE PORTS?

CANTONESE THREAT TO PEKING.

Some citizens and several leading organizations in Canton, according to the Minchi News Agency, are advocating the making of the open ports in the South-west free ports, the reason being that the Customs authorities, at the request of the Peking Government and backed by the Diplomatic Corps, while receiving customs duty from the South-west, have refused to allow it to have a part of the surplus.
It is explained that the Diplomatic Corps is still unwilling to instruct the Customs Inspector-General to remit the South-western portion of the customs' surplus to Canton.
"Since the South-west cannot recognize the unauthorized unification mandate issued by Peking, what the South-western people have contributed should be returned to them; and if they are unable to keep their surplus there is no way open other than their refusal to contribute the tax at all."

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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 3, 1920.

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THE SECOND ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, St. George's
Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hong-
kong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd Decem-
ber, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon,
for the purpose of receiving a statement
of accounts and the report of the
General Managers for the year ended
30th September, 1920, and electing a
Consolidating Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRI-
DAY, the 17th December, 1920, until
THURSDAY, the 23rd December, 1920,
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 7, 1920.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS'
ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the
QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS'
ASSOCIATION will be held in Queen's
College, Room 9, on MONDAY evening
December 20th, at 5.30 p.m.

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JOHN C. FLETCHER,
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Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

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Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

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Foochow 30th November, 1920.

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AND
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Fair white skin and dazzling feet—
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And is cold as a bronze Buddha!

The Geisha is not a demi-mondaine,
as is so often thought in the West.

While the latter is confined to the
Yoshiwara quarter, the Geisha is as
free as she is harmless and quite re-
spectable. The word "Geisha"
signifies one who excels in art. Our
Geisha is a delightful public enter-
tainer—no less and no more—whom
we invite to join us when we enter-
tain our friends. She comes to sing,
dance, and play, while we sit at
dinner and watch her. When not
performing feats of art she
pours out sake for us and quietly sees
that everything is in order. In a
word, she acts as a highly refined
and well-cultivated waitress.

The whole truth is that the Geisha is one
of the necessities of our life in
Japan, where there is scarcely any
chance of mixing with the other sex
publicly unless we are on exception-
ally intimate terms with their families.

Here, in the West, there is practical-
ly no need of Geisha, for whenever
and wherever one goes he is sure to
be introduced to beautiful and charm-
ing ladies who are just as nice as, if
not nicer than, our Geisha.

Besides their knowledge of art,
literature, and etiquette, Western
ladies are so conversant with the
topics of the day that it is exceed-
ingly pleasant to talk with them, or,
rather, to listen to their fluent con-
versation. In Japan we are often
compelled to invite Geisha, to whom
we pay so much per hour, to create
for us the magic atmosphere of
feminine wit and gaiety for which we
long.

But in the East, as in the West,
humanity is everywhere the same.

Although disguised as rain, hail,
snow, and ice, these are, all the
familiar water that streams through
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great theme of human society is
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BIRTH.

WILKINSON.—On December 10, 1920, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkinson, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SEYER-ABRAHAM.—At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on 16th December, 1920, Edward Kenneth Seyer, of Foochow, to Kathleen, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. E. Abraham, of Hongkong.

The China Mail.

"TRADE, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1920.

THE DANCING CRAZE.

If ever a bishop condemns anything, we have the impulse immediately to defend that thing, because we regard bishops as we would regard any pious person or other prehistoric monsters that might be found surviving beyond their rightful age and period. A bishop is an anachronistic absurdity in a silly uniform, with opinions to match. His presence in the House of Lords is an affront. This is rank prejudice, of course, and overlooks the fact that they are occasionally quite human and charming men. The Bishops at Home have been talking about the dancing craze, with an evident reluctance to offend those of their followers who share it. One, however, goes so far as to say that the modern dances appeal to "the inferior vulgar," which is a severe punishment. The Bishop of Sheffield, in the definition of the character of dancing depends almost entirely on the company, thus giving any company the opportunity of

claiming to be not as others are. It depends, as it happens, more upon the character of the music. The proper people to discuss the ethics of the modern dancing craze are not the bishops but the doctors. It has its distinctly pathological aspects. In 1874 it was recorded that Germans had the dancing mania, "dancing, regardless of the bystanders, for hours together, in wild delirium." The mania spread into the Netherlands and France. The religious of those days attributed it to demonic possession, and the priests tried exorcism.

Secret desires were excited, and but too often found opportunities for wild enjoyment," says Dr. Hecker, as translated by Dr. Babington for the Sydenham Society. The craze continued throughout the XIV and XV centuries to cause a permanent disorder of the mind, and produced scenes strange and detestable.

Viel hundert fingen zu Strassburg an

Zu tanzen und springen. Frau und Mann.

Thus the name of St. Vitus became associated with the dance, for he was supposed to be a good saint to pray to for help against the dancing mania, "this mental plague, which visited so many thousands with incurable aberrations of mind, and disgusting distortions of body." So much immorality went with it, indeed, that the people looked about for an explanation, and found it, in those pious days, in "the inefficiency of baptism by unchaste priests." Paracelsus defined three causes for dancing mania—chorea imaginativa, chorea lasciva (sensual desire), and chorea naturalis, the latter a quaint notion of his own about "certain vessels which are susceptible of an internal prurency," which stir the blood, exaltate the spirits, and occasion the propensity to dance. He detected the strange infective power of example, which

moves mobs against reason. The influence of musical sounds is noted by the old writers on the subject, and this brings us to our point about the nature of the modern craze, which depends upon the barbarous music of sensual negroes. To see Christians and otherwise respectable people caving and contorting to the lascivious noises of ragtime and jazz, that come from negro camps, is a sad sight. The old dances, the formal, stately, graceful dances of our grandmothers and granddames, were an altogether different matter, with much less of sensuality about them, either in music or in posture. The modern dances, the trots and hugs and "shimmies" dances spare us the recital of their vulgar terminology, are almost blatantly sensual, and when observed by our Chinese servants, convey exactly the same suggestion to them that the "danse du ventre," the "boochy-koochy" or the "hunch dance" have conveyed to travellers. Until the music is reformed, the dancing is hardly likely to change, and until it changes, no bishop can honestly excuse or defend it. Along with the negro music, our dancers have adopted the negro bestiality. No doubt some of them are unconscious of it (such as would in any case be dancing for its own sake) and these will indignantly deny it; but it is there to be seen at most of these negro dances, and it illustrates indeed the infective influence of example already mentioned, when clean people can be drawn into such filthy orgies. Sin blooms up large as an elephant, though it may not actually be present in the dance room, you may see it approaching. Moreover, they who dance try to bring pressure on us who don't, so that we recall that famous saying of Sir George Cornwall Lewis, "How tolerable life would be were it not for its pleasures."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. W. J. Stokes, the local branch secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild, left by the s.s. "Sunning" for Shanghai this morning on a gulf business and will be away about three weeks.

The building of a dam across the Indus River which would provide water for a series of perennial canals on both banks of the river and would irrigate approximately 5,000,000 acres is being seriously considered by the Government in India, according to American consular reports.

Foreign and Japanese steamship companies operating vessels between Japan and New York have announced a reduction of 20 per cent. in freight rates which became effective November 30. Two reasons are given for the reduction: one is the scarcity of cargo on this route and the recent rise in transcontinental freight rates in the United States.

The city of Yokohama will impose a special tax on amusements, beginning January 1, in order to make up a deficiency in the tax receipts for the past year. Tea houses, geisha, moving pictures and restaurants will be included in the list of amusements and it is expected that the new tax will add ¥250,000 to the revenue of the municipality.

According to the *Jiji*, it has been decided to nominate Dr. Tokichi Masao as Minister to Siam. Dr. Masao was for many years adviser to the Government of Siam. During the latter part of his term of service he was treated as a member of the Royal Family in recognition of the services which he had rendered to Siam. He is an ex-member of the Imperial Diet.

Miss Leonora Joffe of Johannesburg, South Africa, who has been living for the last two years with Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder, 167 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, was married in the Reading Room of the American Consulate to Mr. Emanuel Larson, who has been with the Post Office Department of the Chinese Government in Peking. Mr. Larson is to be transferred to Foochow where he and his bride will make their home.

One hundred and thirty-one officers and men who served under Captain H. Fraser, who shared the fate of the N.Y.K. steamer "Hirano Maru" when she was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on 4th October, 1918, off Ireland, have put up the sum of Yen 950 and have purchased a present with the money to be given to the widow of their late chief, by way of showing their sense of gratitude for the kindness shown them by the late Captain in his lifetime.

In Lima, Peru, the Senado, in which the legislature meets, has a novel method of recording the vote of the house. The desk of each member holds two concealed buttons, one red and the other white. The red the "yes," the white, "no." These buttons are connected with electric lights in an indicator on the wall above the speaker's chair. Since all press their buttons at the same moment it is impossible to tell how any individual has voted.

SPECIAL CABLE.

DAMAGED SCHOONER.

"BETSY ROSS" SAILS.

DEPARTURE FOR SEATTLE.

[China Mail Special]

SINGAPORE, Dec. 15.
The American schooner "Betsy Ross," which arrived at Singapore last May in a damaged condition, sailed yesterday for Seattle.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Another clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

There is now a suggestion before the authorities in Canton for reorganizing the High Normal School into a university.

The evangelistic and health campaign under the auspices of the Canton Christian Council was formally inaugurated at Sai Kwa Un yesterday afternoon, in the presence of several thousand citizens.

The wedding takes place shortly of Mr. Jas. Boyd, of the Chartered Bank to Miss Mabel Shires, who is coming to Hongkong on the "Glenara," also of Mr. W. B. Lightbourn, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company to Miss Annie Elizabeth Hawkins, of 4 Century Crescent, Kennedy Road.

The price of the various kinds of food stuff in Peking is still ruling high notwithstanding the efforts of the authorities to keep it down. Believing that some profiteering merchants must have been responsible for this state of affairs, the Ministry of the Interior has instructed the police to investigate the matter.

Lung Chien-chang, a Cantonese, former Governor of Kweichow, an important person of the Northern party, arrived at Shanghai on December 12. It is said that he is an envoy of the President, bound for Canton to negotiate the union question with Sun's party, but he refuses to say anything about politics.

The *Canton Times* says that the Canton Industrial Bank, a semi-government institution, whose manager deserted his post when the Cantonese Army returned to Canton last October, will be put under receivership. Mr. T. T. Cheng, managing director of the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung, has been appointed the Receiver.

Officials cannot take first class seats at the Canton theatres simply because they are officials unless their tickets so entitle them. The military police, says the *Canton Times*, have also concurred with this opinion. It has been the habit of some military officers, especially, according to a complaint, to force the admission of their body guards as well as themselves and take seats higher than they are willing to pay for.

A Japanese fireman of the "Korea Maru" was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession in Wanchai, of 3½ tins of prepared non-Government opium. Admitting the offense, the defendant said that a friend in Honolulu had asked him to purchase some opium for him. He had bought the drug produced to take to Honolulu on the ship's return trip. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$350 or two months' hard labour and ordered the confiscation of the drug.

In connection with the recent theft of a motor car from a godown in Irving Street, Wanchai, the three defendants were again brought before Magistrate Orme this morning. Inspector Kent announced that he was prepared to proceed with the case as the car had been identified in Canton by the first defendant who was watchman at the godown. Mr. E. J. Grist said that he had only just been retained by the first defendant, and wanted time to receive instructions. Mr. G. G. N. Timson, who said that he was representing the person who bought the car, supported Mr. Grist's application. Mr. A. E. Hall, for the other two defendants, and Inspector Kent having no objections, the Magistrate adjourned the case until Saturday.

Japan's naval estimates for the new fiscal year as framed by the authorities concerned, aggregate a little more than ¥500,000,000. As compared with the Budget for the preceding year, this will be an increase of something like ¥150,000,000. The increase, however, is chiefly due, according to the estimates, to the necessary additional estimates made for each item of expenditure for the National Defence Scheme, in consequence of the appreciation of prices of general commodities.

The principal item among the newly laid down plans is the establishment of the Naval Fuel Depot at a cost of ¥20,000,000. The *Jiji* adds that in view of the small number of new schemes included in the estimates, the above Budget must be regarded as reasonable, and the curtailment, if any, should not under any circumstances, exceed ¥50,000,000.

HONGKONG BANK.

MR. STABB TO RETIRE.

CHIEF MANAGER SINCE 1910.

Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong, whose retirement has been announced, will leave for England, by way of the United States, on December 29, sailing on the "Columbia" of the Pacific Mail for San Francisco.

Mr. Stabb's retirement brings to a close thirty-four years of service with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, thirty of which have been spent in the East. He joined the bank in 1886, being connected first with the office in New York, where he remained for several years. In 1891 he was sent to Bombay. After a stay in Bombay, he came to the Far East to positions in Singapore, Shanghai, Saigon, and Hongkong. He came to Hongkong in 1903, remaining several years. In 1909, he came again as Sub Manager, and has been here ever since with the exception of the period spent on leave. He was appointed Acting Chief Manager in July, 1910, and Chief Manager in January of the following year.

Mr. Stabb will be succeeded as Chief Manager by Mr. A. G. Stephen, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Shanghai. Mr. Stephen was in charge of the bank in Hongkong for four or five months at the outbreak of the war, during the absence of Mr. Stabb, and has a wide acquaintance in Hongkong.

MOORING CHAINS STOLEN.

CHASE AT HOLTS' WHARF.

THIEVES CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, this morning charged two Chinese before Magistrate Orme with the theft of a chain from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's mooring at Kowloon.

Mr. Lewis said that yesterday afternoon, the tallman of Holt's wharf was on board one of the ships lying alongside the wharf when he saw one of the defendants winding the chain round his waist. The tallman who gave chase to the thieves, was joined by the Indian watchman. After a short distance had been covered one of the defendants took a chain from round his waist and threw it into the harbour. The other man continued his flight but when his pursuers were within a few yards of him, also took a chain from round his waist and attempted to dispose of himself. He was arrested. The chain, added Mr. Lewis, was fastened to the Praya wall. Originally there had been four in that particular part of the wall, but two had previously been stolen. This kind of theft had been very frequent lately. He would therefore ask that examples be made of the defendants. The Magistrate sentenced the first defendant, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks, and the second defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LAST NIGHT'S DINNER PARTY.

H.E. the Governor gave a dinner party at Government House last evening. The guests present were the Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria, the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett, Mrs. Barnett, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Hon. Mr. E. R. H. Copley Moyle, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hall, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., Hon. G. T. Waldegrave, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak. Commander de Murguery accompanied by M. Raymond, Consul for France, called at Government House this morning and was received by His Excellency.

Some time ago at the instance of the Ministry of Communications, a resolution was passed at Cabinet meeting authorizing the installation of an aerial mail service between Peking and Shanghai. In pursuance of this resolution, the aerodromes at Nanyuan and Chingho are making preparations for the opening of the service. Some days ago a number of new aeroplanes ordered from foreign countries were received by the aviation authorities at Nanyuan and Chingho and these planes are being equipped for this purpose. As soon as these planes are ready for use trial trips will be made. The authorities concerned expect to complete all preparations in this connection and formally open the aerial mail service between Peking and Shanghai next April, if no hitch occurs to their present arrangements. It is also reported that a member of the aviation Bureau, Mr. Wang Yung-wing, will be given the opportunity to make the initial trip to Shanghai.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FAMINE RELIEF.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Hongkong Dec. 15, 1920.

Sir,—I have to request you to be good enough to publish this acknowledgment of the receipt of a cheque for \$1,645.34 from Mr. Mowbray S. Northcott, being subscription to the North China Famine Fund by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, proceeds of the last performances in the City Hall. The amount is being remitted to the Foreign Committee in Shanghai. Many enquiries are made as to the best method of dealing with subscriptions to the North China Famine Fund, and I would be obliged for the favour of your assistance in letting it be known that the Government is prepared to receive and forward sums intended for use by the Foreign Committee, while the Tung Wa Hospital has already opened a subscription list and is in touch with the Chinese Committee under Mr. Leung Shi Yi. Subscriptions for either list can be sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and will be dealt with as may be requested. In the absence of special directions, the money will be sent to the Tung Wa Hospital for use by the Chinese organisation.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

COTTON YARN CASES.

SUPREME COURT ACTION.

HEARING CONTINUED.

Hearing of the combined cases of the Tin Tai Hau firm and the Tin Shun Hau firm, both of 5, Bonham Strand, West Victoria, against the Min Fat Loong Kee of 109, Wing Lok Street, was continued in the Supreme Court to-day before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood.

The claim of the Tin Tai Hau firm is for \$752, and of the Tin Shun Hau firm for \$712, both growing out of the alleged failure of the defendant firm to accept delivery of a number of bales of cotton yarn.

The hearing began on Friday. It is the claim of the defendants that they sent requests to the plaintiff firms for delivery of the yarn, under the contracts, with money for payment. The founder and owner of the two plaintiff firms was a witness to-day. He denied that a *fork* of the defendant firm had come to him with the request for delivery, and that he had said he had no goods to deliver. On the contrary, he had the goods for delivery, and if he had sold them he would have made a profit. Even if he had not had them, he could have bought them in the market and delivered them, and still made a profit, as the market price was declining.

Mr. A. H. Crew, of Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. W. H. Drummond, instructed by Mr. Lee, of J. H. Gardiner, for the defendants.

JUBILEE ROAD.

TO BE CLOSED TO-MORROW.

BLASTING OPERATIONS.

The *China Mail* is informed by the Police Traffic Department that Victoria Road, commonly known as Jubilee Road, will be closed to traffic between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. from December 17. The reason for this prohibition is that blasting operations will be in progress throughout the day in connection with the new road from Pokhnam to Jubilee Road.

Great prominence is given in the latest issue of *Shipping and Engineering* attending the loss of the Cardiff steamer "Glendalough," which was lost off the coast of Ireland after having been heavily over-insured by her owner. Amazing evidence was given at the Board of Trade inquiry, which resulted in the Public Prosecutor being requested to take criminal proceedings against the owner and the captain for having conspired deliberately to throw the vessel away. *Shipping and Engineering* considers that the very rarity of such occurrences is in itself a sterling tribute to the personnel of the merchant marine who, entrusted with ships and cargoes worth billions of money, almost invariably carry out their duties conscientiously and justify the great trust placed in them. Among the many other articles are "The Lighting of Workshops," "Jib-Cranes," "Reversing Rudders," "A New British Engine," etc., together with several columns of engineering and shipping brevities and the usual amount of shipping and commercial information.

KWANGSI'S BURDEN.

OPPRESSIVE TAXATION.

MILITARISTS' RECKLESS NOTE ISSUES.

Lu Yung-ting and his fellow militarists in Kwangsi are preparing for the attack from Kwangtung and their possible retreat to Annam, according to reports received in Canton.

The troops in Wuchow did make some disturbances two weeks ago but no serious damage was done. The report that Cantonese firms there had suffered from looting was not wholly correct, as very little inconvenience has been noticed since the retreat of Kwangsi troops from Shing-shing to Wuchow. More than 90 per cent of the business in Wuchow is now in the hands of the Cantonese, reports the *Canton Times*.

Most of the Kwangsi troops (now numbering about 50,000), are at present stationed along the Kwangsi-Kwangtung borders at Yau Lim ready to oppose an invasion.

The people of Kwangsi are indifferent. If some Kwangsi commanders themselves would only attack Lu Yung-ting and then remove all the miscellaneous taxation, it is believed that the people would be satisfied. Who will control the Kwangsi Government makes no difference to them, according to one who knows the conditions there, as long as the burden of taxation is lightened and there is some cash on hand to redeem some of the \$40,000,000 worth of paper issued by the militarists the last few years without any attempt to provide for a reserve.

Cantonese in Kwangsi do not expect a long war there and believe Lu Yung-ting will retire as soon as some of his men turn against him.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

STOLEN RAINCOATS.

MESSRS. J. T. SHAW ROBBED.

A Chinese youth employed as office "boy" by the import office of Messrs. J. T. Shaw, tailors, was this morning charged before Magistrate Smith with the theft of 8 waterproof coats valued at \$125.50, the property of the firm.

Accused pleaded "guilty." Detective Sergeant Doring, who prosecuted, said that yesterday afternoon the defendant was seen leaving the premises with a parcel under his arm. He was followed to Wellington Street where he was caught in the act of attempting to dispose of the water-proofs. He was taken to the Central Station where he admitted to the Sergeant that he had stolen from time to time 16 raincoats from the firm. The Sergeant accompanied the defendant to different pawnshops in various parts of the town and succeeded in recovering 7 water-proofs which were identified as the property of Messrs. J. T. Shaw and Co.

The Magistrate passed sentence of one month's hard labour.

MAIL FROM HOME.

LETTERS EXPECTED SUNDAY.

COMING ON "HONG-WAN-1."

Further particulars regarding the next mail from Home, according to advices received by the Hongkong post office from Singapore, indicate that the letter portion of the mail despatched from London on Nov. 11 is coming on the steamer "Hong-Wan-1," while the newspapers are coming on the "Knight Templar." The first of the two vessels, carrying the letters, left Singapore December 13, and is due here on Sunday. No definite word has been received concerning the "Knight Templar," other than that it left Singapore on December 11; but it is expected also on Sunday. Besides the newspaper mail for Hongkong, the "Knight Templar" carries the letter mail for North China.

What probably happened, in the opinion of post office officials here, is that the P. & O. steamer carrying the mails from Marseilles to Bombay was a little late, and the connection at Negapatam was missed, with the result that the letter mail was held up a week.

KINEMA NOTES.

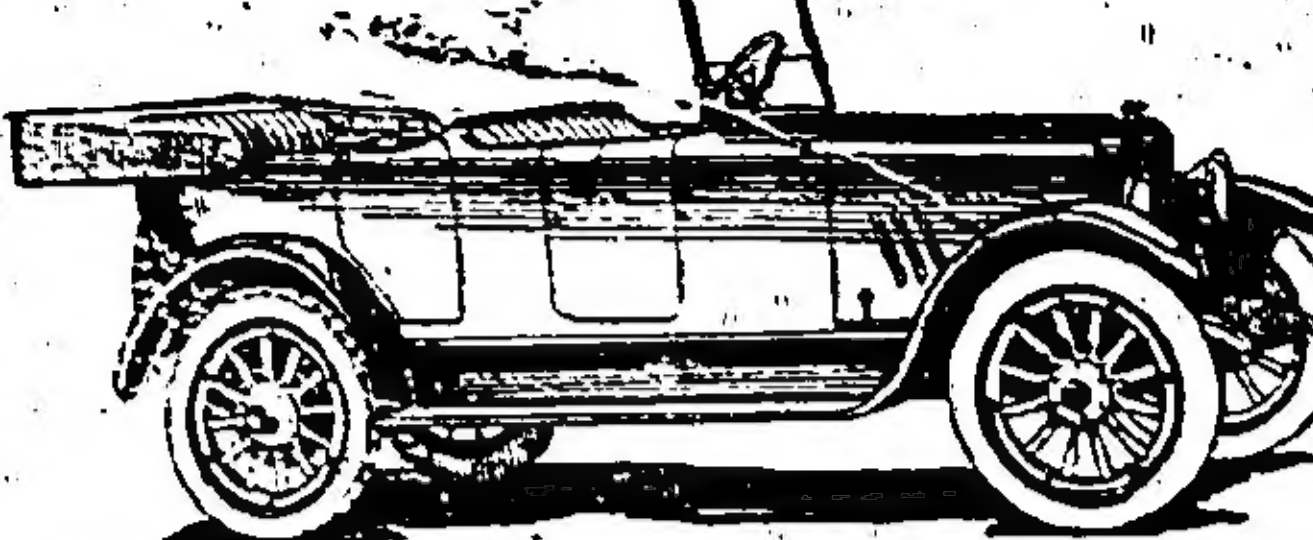
CORONET PICTURES.

A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME.

An unusually entertaining programme is promised at the Coronet Theatre, beginning to-day and continuing the rest of the week. The principal feature is William Desmond in "A Broadway Cowboy." A cowboy is an interesting character around which to build a plot; Broadway is a setting lively enough to furnish material for innumerable complications; the combination of both cowboy and Broadway is said to be irresistible. There is also a sparkling comedy, "Call a Rascal," with "Snub" Pollard and Co. and a good two-reel review, including "Around the Town."

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EVOLUTION OF CLOTHES.

COLOURS FOR MEN.

A RAFFLING QUESTION.

Change and decay are all around us, and the harassed mind finds nothing which gives assurance that it will be in the same condition tomorrow. But there is balm in Gilead. One, if but one, of the works of man abides, and is to be the same as of old. This comfortable assurance we derive from a learned scientific journal, which is the medium of communication between the students and teachers of the mystery of tailoring. Come the four corners of the world in arms, and there is to be no change in the Englishman's evening clothes, or, to use the language of pure science, there are no "novelties" for this season's dress trade. Bold inventors of the past, we are told, have striven to introduce "certain colour schemes, such as red waistcoats, also yellow ones," and we have to regret that these birdlike decorations had no vogue. Our evenings would be merrier if men of adequate proportions thus adorned their physique. But it would not do: man as a class, are not brave, or, as the expert softly puts it, "the few wearers of such attire simply make themselves the cynosure of all eyes, and so they have been dropped." The delicate confusion of pronouns marks an emotion which we are proud to share. It is tragic that a too tender modesty should rob the world of what the poet calls "the colour and bloom and music of" waistcoats. But things are what they are, and the consequences will be what they will be. Our expert, in fine, is of opinion that "nothing but plain goods will be worn during the present season," and his humiliating reason is that no man dares to look conspicuous. He is plainly aware of the psychological difficulties in this explanation. He discovers them in his statement of the paradox that the male animal will wear the gayest socks in the daytime, but, to use the scientific phraseology, "harks to the proverbial black for evening wear." Why is it that a man should by daylight venture the most violent assaults, in form and colour, upon the innocent eye, while of nights he seeks to escape notice by a sad sobriety and a protective assimilation to his neighbours? We know no answer, but we are of the unlearned, and surely the pundits of the tailors' science should give us at least an hypothesis. It is not so many generations since bright colour and a certain fantasy were banished from men's evening clothes. Our expert himself notes a recent advance towards deeper solemnity. The "buttonhole," he pronounces, is a thing of the past, and the man whose coat provides the possibility thereof is obsolescent. The possibility of individual taste is not admitted. No science likes to allow the factor of free will. But we submit that the world has a right to ask more of these pundits of tailoring. It is not enough for any science to record facts; we demand explanations. What our evening clothes are we know well enough, or too well. What baffles us is why they should be anything like that.—*Daily Telegraph*.

PALACE OF GOLD.

GRAFT IN ARGENTINA.

IN ONE DOOR AND OUT ANOTHER.

Buenos Aires, October 11.—Argentina has been having a graft investigation, as a result of which it has been found that 5,500,000 pesos have been "unduly" disbursed by former Government officials, who directed payments to contractors for building the Capitol here. The present Government has announced its intention of bringing suits to recover the money improperly paid.

The building, a magnificent structure of classic architecture, marble facings and broad sweeps of marble steps, not unlike the Capitol at Washington, is jestingly called in the newspapers "El Palacio de Oro," ("the Palace of Gold.") It was begun in 1897 and was originally to have cost 10,000,000 pesos. It is not yet entirely finished and has cost 27,000,000 pesos.

Buenos Aires newspapers told, years ago, of wagon-loads of building material that went in at the front door of the structure, soon after came out at the back door and then disappeared. Charges were made that marble was paid for, but concrete used, for part of the construction, and other accusations of graft were aired. It was then that the newspapers began to call it "The Palace of Gold."

CHURCH AND DANCING.

BALL-ROOM EVILS
EXAGGERATED.

BISHOP'S SOUND PRINCIPLES.

It is related of Bishop Samuel Wilberforce that when a divine of a severe school reproached him with attending a ball his defence was that he had never been in the same room as the dancers. From the speeches at the Church Congress we infer that such subtlety of ethical distinction and such an egg-dance in conduct is not now required of the episcopate. For the Bishop of Sheffield laid down as a universal principle that "the recreation of dancing depends almost entirely upon the company." What can be better company than bishops? asks the *Daily Telegraph*. It is clear that if there is anything wrong with modern ball-rooms the bishops have the remedy in their own hands, and no one will fail to recognise the nobility of their motives in assisting at our dances. A good many years ago an eminent Nonconformist divine protested that his objection to dancing was not concerned with the mere salutary exercise, which seemed to him exhilarating and blameless, but with the deplorable custom of the sexes co-operating in its performance. Whereat some wit was moved to design a cartoon representing reverend gentlemen waltzing in each other's arms—a blameless dance. No doubt it is true, as Johnson said, that wherever young women are, there is danger, but we feel that even the wildest bishop is inclined to exaggerate the possible evils of the ball-room. "Some dances," he protested, "no self-respecting person, and certainly no Christian, would talk of frequenting." It may well be true, but everyone knows that such dancing is an insignificant fraction of the total Terpsichorean output of the nation. Everybody dances nowadays, and though we dare not say that they do it well, we appeal to common observation to witness that they do it very respectably. The Bishop of Sheffield, indeed, seems to recognise this when he allows that "there was more ugliness than wickedness in some of the fantastic dances so popular before the war." It is certain that to the calm observer whose who trod, and still persists in treating, certain exotic measures which fancy fondly paints as delicious and voluptuous seem to take no vicious delight in "the adventure," but rather to be engaged upon an arduous course of gymnastics which involves not only great physical strain but a very painful mental concentration. The true argument against tango and jazz is not that they appeal to those whom the bishop calls "the inherently vulgar," but that they inflict upon the human organism a punishment greater than it can bear. We may take our pleasures sadly, but not so sadly as that. The bishop's cheery confidence that ugliness is "gradually disappearing" is well founded, and we may add that the eccentric and the contorted will never long be in favour. The modern popularity of dancing depends upon the modern cult of physical exercise, and that modern love of rhythm which, though less advertised, is making itself felt in art and, above all, in education. It is altogether to be approved upon the bishop's sound principle that all amusements "should be such as to recreate the whole man, body, mind, and spirit."

SHANGHAI SERVANTS.

A MINISTER MOVE.

ASKED TO JOIN LABOUR UNION.

There is a move on in Shanghai to force servants in the employ of foreigners, and probably Chinese also, to join the labour union. Circulars are being distributed to servants, and several such have been found by foreigners, calling upon the recipients to fill in the blanks with their names, age, position and other information. The text of the circular gives an impression that failure to comply would be met with unpleasant consequences. The purpose of all these questions is not known: the fact that none is stated on the circular would seem to indicate that it cannot be one which the organisers of the move would care to proclaim outright.

Interesting developments may, therefore, be expected as the outcome of the move.—*Shanghai Times*.

DIPPING INTO THE PAST.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.

BACK 3,000 YEARS IN A WEEK.

Dorothy St. John George writes in a Home paper:—Do you know that you may leave Victoria one Friday morning by P. and O. express to Marseilles, go on board at noon next day, reaching Port Said on Wednesday night, and Kanterab, the junction of the Palestine and Egyptian railways on the Suez Canal, the following evening? The Cairo train comes in to Kanterab at 10 o'clock. You go to bed in it, and it remains stationary all night, on the edge of the desert, till 6 in the morning, when it starts on its wonderful journey up nearly the whole length of the Promised Land.

On Friday morning you open your eyes on the changeless desert which was part of the dominions of Ham, son of Noah—the Way of the Land of the Philistines—on a sea of sand stretching as far as the eye can see, sparsely spotted with tufts of green, with half-buried palm trees here and there.

Through the gulleys and over the ridges of sand goes a string of camels, a caravan of muffled travellers swathed in long striped cloaks, carrying with them their tents and all their household goods. They might be trying to find their way back to the days of the Old Testament. It is like waking to dream, or as though a thousand years were indeed as a watch in the night.

At lunch time you will see Aliel Muntar Hill, where Samson carried the gates of the city, and here a stranded "tank" still stands as a monument to the brave men who made that famous hill yet more famous.

The train goes right through Gaza—Gaza which existed before the Tower of Babel, before Abraham left his fatherland, or Samson's agony gave it immortal fame.

Beyond Gaza begins the Plain of Sharon, where turbaned, white-robed labourers, goad in hand, till the land with ox and ass (there is no set time for ploughing here), where women in antique dress of Bible blue bend to bind the sheaves or glean, and where on threshing floors of natural rock the unarmoured ox tends out the corn. Complete is the illusion of a glimpse of a long past age.

After the junction of Lyda, or Ludd, which boasts the tomb of St. George, you proceed through the beautiful Valley of Sorek, the home of Delilah, and through the great bulwark of mountains which, in the words of the Psalmist, "are round about Jerusalem as the Lord is round about His people."

From the train you may trace the ancient path by which the Ark of God was brought from Ekron to Jerusalem, and you will be in the Eternal City, on the scene of an event the most moving, the most far-reaching in its effect on the history of nineteen hundred years, before the hurrying twilight of the East has turned to night.

LITERARY CHEESEMONGER.

FAMOUS CAXTON SALE RECALLED.

There are proud owners in America who boast of their dozen Caxtons or more. Let them and others be reminded that once a Bermionsey cheesemonger possessed thirty. And their mouths will water at hearing that when they were sold at Christie's in 1776 the thirty fetched under £300.

The worthy cheesemonger, John Ratcliffe, had begun to collect books in the course of business parcels of old black-lettered volumes were brought to him as waste paper, and now and again he would find time to read them. His copy of that 1483 Caxton, "The Booke called Caxton," was bought in 1776 by the famous Dr. Hunter for only 5s. One thought of this at Sotheby's first autumn sale of books, when the example from Sir William Ingley's Ripley Castle library, with the first leaf of the text missing, brought £780. This Yorkshire library was unknown to the sleuths of book collecting, and there were other prizes. Thus, a fourteenth century Fountain's Abbey register or "Coucher-book," being the second volume of three, the first being in the Cottonian collection, and the third in the inexhaustible Phillipps's library, realised £400, and another fourteenth century manuscript in English calligraphy of the "Legenda Aurea," by Jacobus de Voragine, 1550. A rare survivor of a former Poet Laureate's (John Skelton), "Pithy, Pleasant, and Profitable Workes," fetched £375, and among many other interesting lots was a fourteenth-century French relic in manuscript of "Le Roman de la Rose," containing the bookplate of the Earl of Ancrum which brought £300.

It is learned that the Chen-yi Bank (formerly The Sino-Italian Industrial Bank) will be formed with a capital of \$10,000,000. Subscriptions for the capital were to be issued on December 15, and will close at the end of the year. The bank has already been registered and approved both at the Currency Bureau and at the Ministry of Finance.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

SEYER-ABRAHAM.

In St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this afternoon, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay married Mr. Edward Kenneth Seyer, of Foochow, to Miss Kathleen Abraham, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. E. Abraham, of Torres Buildings, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. E. Abraham, was attended by Miss Ruby Young and Miss Cissy Hast as bridesmaids. Mr. R. G. Shaw was best man.

The bride looked charming in a dress from "La Favorite" of white brocade embroidered with pearls. The bridesmaids wore pretty dresses of crepe de chine.

The ceremony in the Church a reception was held at No. 4, Alma Villas at which the customary toasts were honoured.

The honeymoon will be spent at Macao and Canton. The bride's travelling dress was of ribbed silk with white georgette hat with ostrich feather trimmings.

PUNISHING PROFITEERS.

NO MERCY.

FRENCH JUDGE'S WAY.

The Government, through Mr. Richard, judge of the Teah Correctional Chamber, has given evidence of its earnest desire to deal sternly with those conscientious people who want to get rich at the expense of the community by preventing a reduction in the price of commodities. In June when there was a tendency for the prices of fruits and vegetables to fall the commission agents at the Central Markets became alarmed, and sent letters to food producers in the provinces asking them to stop sending supplies. Their object was to create an artificial scarcity and so keep up prices. These men were arrested, and one of them, Bonnetaud, who received a commission of 8 to 10 per cent, and consequently aimed at selling stocks as dear as possible, has been tried. Judge Richard showed him no mercy. He spoke of him as a public malefactor, as a "burglar of the domestic budget," and described one of the letters seized as a proof of the "perfect profiteer." Such men as Bonnetaud, who betrayed the interests of those who still believed in the free play of economic laws, had to be prevented from doing harm, and the judge sent him to prison for six months, fined him 15,000 francs, deprived him of his civil and political rights, and ordered ten insertions of the judgment in the newspapers. This smart sentence has given great satisfaction, and the hope is widespread that it will not be without its effect on the Central Markets.

The Canton Government expects to do something to maintain the value of the depreciating banknotes of China after six months, but cannot do anything at present, according to Mr. Liao Chung-hai, Commissioner of Finance, when a committee of native bankers called on him to ask the Government to accept at least one-fifth of all public dues payable to the Government in notes. So far no definite decision has been made by the Government to relieve the bankers. The Courts have issued a notice requiring all payments of fines and court costs in silver instead of in Bank of China notes 25 in the past.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 8, 352.—IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Sealed Tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES," will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1920, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1921.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule heretofore opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bond fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

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Ma Tau Kok No. 8.	4.60	2,100	200
Jordan Road No. 10.	4.65	1,300	220
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6.	2.22	1,100	200
Ngau Tau Kok Nos. 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20, and 23.	10.80	2,600	350
Cha Kwo Liang Nos. 1-30.	24.56	2,400	400
Sai Tau Wan Nos. 1-16.	16.53	700	100
Lyemun Nos. 1-25.	26.44	2,600	480
Lyemun No. 26.	2.10	500	65
Ngau Tau Kok A/18 and A/17.	2.80	250	30
Ngau Tau Kok No. 26.96	200	30
Too Tee Wan No. 1.	1.84	200	30
Too Tee Wan No. 2.	1.84	200	30
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1.	1.90	750	100

* The attention of the tenderers for Hok Ua No. 6 is hereby drawn to the fact that the road between K.M.L. 63 and 69 will be completely closed, and that it will not be available for any purpose of stone to junks after 6th December, 1920.

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SPORT.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

Three matches in the United Services Football League were played yesterday evening and resulted as follows:—

WILTS.....2 "Carlisle".....0
"Curlew".....1 "Ambrose".....0
"Tamar".....3 R.G.A.1

WILTS v. "CARLISLE"

The Wilts assumed the offensive from the opening whistle and were soon in "Carlisle" territory where Ashford had no difficulty in clearing. Following this, the "Carlisle" had the best of the exchanges, and for a long while kept the ball in the soldiers' territory, but although they were often dangerous, the Wilts defence managed to keep their citadel intact. Play became fast after this, and both ends of the field were visited in quick succession, and had very narrow escapes from early downfalls. During one of the Wilts attacks there was considerable excitement when Menham sent in a long shot as a result of which Barrett, in attempting to head away, sent the ball to Amor who immediately returned it to the danger zone only to have it kicked into touch by Ashford. The attack continued to be fierce in the "Carlisle" goal line until the pressure was relieved by Amor being penalised for "hands". The free kick gave the soldiers their chance, and making the most of it, they were soon at the other end of the field, but Giles robbed them and returned the ball to midfield. Another ding-dong struggle followed with both goalies saving brilliantly. A few minutes from the half time whistle, the Wilts carried the ball into enemy territory and there forced a *males*. After the soldiers' citadel had had several narrow escapes, Menham received the ball from a clear and headed it towards the net. Barrett in his eagerness to save his side, handled the ball within the penalty area. Amor took the penalty kick and made no mistake. The half time whistle came a few minutes later with the Wilts leading by one goal to nil.

The second half opened fast with the Wilts again on the offensive. A hard tussle ensued in the "Carlisle" back line, but eventually the situation was saved by the ball being sent to the half backs. Here Barrett again handled the ball, and the Wilts were given a free kick. Lucas took the shot but sent the ball wide. The "Carlisle" came away from the goal kick and a long shot gave Pavey some anxiety, but the ball skimmed the cross bar and went into touch. When they next attacked, the Wilts, by means of fine combination, carried the ball right to the goal mouth where Covey sent in a terrific shot which the goalie creditably stopped, but failed to retain with the result that the ball bounced from his hands into the net for the Wilts' second goal. The rest of the match resolved into a ding-dong struggle with the soldiers making strenuous efforts to save the match. They failed to find the net, and the final whistle came with the Wilts winners by two goals to nil.

Mr. Pragnell was the referee.

"CURLEW" v. "AMBROSE"

These two teams played a very even game in spite of the fact that the "Ambrose" turned out without Savage. Beardsall, however, made a fine substitute. The "Curlew" started the game and made a bee line for the "Ambrose" goal where they found the defence sound, and

Woodruff cleared to midfield. This set the "Ambrose" forwards going and Monkhouse sent in a difficult shot which Hardy was able to save only by turning it round the post for a corner. Hilton took the kick and placed the ball beautifully, but there was no one in position to convert, and Hardy punched away. The "Curlew" then visited enemy territory, and getting well into the danger zone, Cook beat Harwood with a beautiful cross-shot. Stung by this reverse, the "Ambrose" got away from the restart with Beardsall running well on the right. When near goal he centered beautifully, but South intercepted the ball and cleared. Half time arrived with the "Ambrose" in enemy territory, but they did not score, and the "Curlew" led one goal to nil.

The resumption saw the "Ambrose" out to get the equaliser, but they did not keep the ball long. Give-and-take play followed, with neither set of forwards really dangerous at any time owing to the determined play of the defences. Sargent worked hard for the "Ambrose" but somehow his forwards could not get going, and thus they missed some very good chances. No further scoring took place and a very even and hard fought match ended with the "Curlew" winners by the only goal scored.

Mr. Wells was the referee.

"TAMAR" v. R.G.A.

These teams met at Sookmoo Valley and a large gathering of Service men witnessed a fast and exciting game throughout. The Artillery men attacked from the centre, and before the game was two minutes old, had a glorious chance of opening the score. In their eagerness, Henwood and Castle both jumped up to head the ball. They collided heavily, and Henwood was hurt and forced to leave the field. In spite of the fact that they were now playing only ten men, the gunners got well in and gave the defence a hot time. Doggrell sent in a hot shot which struck the cross bar and rebounded to Best who spoiled his chance by kicking high. "Tamar" forced a corner at the other end, but the gunners cleared. With the return of Henwood after ten minutes' absence, play evened up. When the game was twenty minutes old, the "Tamar" got warmed up to their task and a determined attack resulted in Styles heading the ball past Smith for the opening goal. The gunners forced a corner immediately after the restart but the ball was cleared. Heap received the ball and after a short run transferred to McSwiney who sent in a high shot which beat Smith and placed the "Tamar" two up. Heartened by their success, the "Tamar" again attacked after the centre. A bit of forward passing near goal tricked Smith into leaving his charge, and before he could return to his position between the sticks, McSwiney netted his side's third goal. Half time arrived with the sailors leading by three goals to nil.

For ten minutes after the resumption, the Artillerymen had the best of the play, but they were unable to keep up the pressure, and the "Tamar" eventually went away. The defence cleared before they could be really dangerous, and the ball was returned to Naval territory. Here Henwood sent in a long shot which struck the cross bar and rebounded to Doggrell. This worthy headed towards goal and managed to beat Powell who was not in position. Following a free kick awarded against Styles, the gunners again attacked and McHugh forced a corner. Wilson centered the ball well and Best took a first time shot

which landed the ball into the goalie's hands so that the latter cleared. The final whistle came with the gunners still attacking, but they did not score again, and the "Tamar" won a hard fought match by three goals to 1.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

2ND DIVISION MATCHES.

Below are the fixtures for the 2nd Division to be played on Saturday December 18:—
2.30 p.m. Indians v. Recreo, Navy A ground.
2.30 p.m. Punjabis v. Staffs and Depts, Sookmoo ground.
2.30 p.m. Officers v. "Carlisle," Navy B ground.
2.30 p.m. Club Res. v. R.G.A. Res. Club ground.
4.00 p.m. South China v. Kowloon Res. South China ground.
4.00 p.m. St. Joseph's v. United, St. Joseph's ground.

SHAMKUN FOOTBALL.

"TARANTULA" BEAT R. O. C.

In a league match in connection with the Shamkuen Football League played at Shamkuen on December 15, the team of H.M.S. "Tarantula" indicated a severe defeat to the Boys' Own Club's XI, winning the match to the tune of 5 goals to nil. The game was one sided throughout and excepting for an occasional breakaway by R.O.C. forwards which was checked by the sailors' defence without difficulty, the ball was always in the "Boys" end of the field, where in spite of the sporting defence they put up, the B.O.C. could not stop the sailors who scored with such regularity that the game was almost despairing. The B. O. C. deserve much credit for the sporting way they carried on throughout the match in face of an inevitable and crushing defeat.

BILLIARDS.

PORTUGUESE TOURNAMENT.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Catholic Union Club yesterday on the occasion of the presentation of the "Shield" and Medals won by the Club's team in the recent Inter-Club Triangular Billiard Tournament between the Club Lusitano, Club de Recreo and the Catholic Union. There was a large gathering of ladies and members of the three clubs present.

The function opened with a pleasant tea party, the admirable arrangements for which reflected the greatest credit on the President and the committee of the Club who spared themselves no pains to secure the comfort of all present. The Club hall was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers, while the floor was ideal for dancing, a past-time which was enjoyed after the presentation of prizes. The dance music was supplied by the Club's orchestra.

Before Miss Elfrida Osmund presented the shield and medals to the winning team, Mr. J. D. Osmund, the President of the Catholic Union Club, said:—
Ladies and gentlemen, as President of the Catholic Union Club and of the Lusitano Billiards Association, it is my very pleasant duty to extend to all the ladies and gentlemen from the three Clubs a hearty welcome and to thank the ladies especially for the interest they have taken in the billiards tournament. On behalf of the members of the Association, I thank the Committee and the members of the Catholic Union Club for the loan of the hall for this occasion and Miss Elfrida Osmund for having consented to present the shield to the winning team, and the medals to the individual players. I also wish to express my appreciation of the kindness of the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the reservation of space in their coming Saturday's issue for the photo of the winning team. (Hear, hear). As you are quite aware the Lusitano Billiards Association was founded in 1912 and the shield was first won by the Catholic Union Club, and after that each Club in turn had a share of glory. After 1914, and during the years of the Great War, the billiard tournament in connection with the shield was suspended owing to the exigencies caused by the work which the members of the Club were called upon to do for the Colony, and it was not until this present year that it was decided, at a meeting of the Lusitano Billiards Association, to carry on as had been done previously.

Mr. Osmund then drew the attention of those present to the results of the tournament, which showed that the Catholic Union Club won 24 matches out of 40. Club Lusitano was second with 19 wins, and Club de Recreo third with 17 wins. The aggregate

scores of the Union Club were 9,288. The highest break (62) was made by A. J. Osmund, and the second highest was 43. Continuing Mr. Osmund said:—"It is hardly necessary for me to dwell upon the individual merits of the winning team except to say that the combination of the team was formidable. I think that the best of the three teams won. I say this impartially, being the President of the Billiards Association, but taking everything into consideration, they won with great credit. Apart from the highest break, I think the time occupied by one of the matches in the tournament of 250 up (three quarters of an hour) was a record in the history of the Club. As regards the losing teams, I would ask them to put their shoulders together in future so as to take the shield from the hands of the Catholic Union Club, but at the same time I am sure that the Catholic Union will do their utmost to retain the trophy. I congratulate the winning team on their success and thank Mr. Silva Netto for the prize which he presented for the highest break. I will now ask Miss Osmund kindly to present the prize.

Miss Osmund presented the shield and medals to the following: Messrs. A. J. Osmund, (Capt.); L. E. Remedios, E. L. Barros, F. M. Oseiro, E. Guimaraes, L. A. Osmund, Alfred F. Remedios, A. C. Rosario and H. M. Xavier. Reserves: L. G. Lima, J. M. V. Ribeiro and V. Antonio. Mr. A. J. Osmund was awarded a tie pin for making the highest break.

INTER-MESS LEAGUE.

A match in connection with the above league which was played on Tuesday evening resulted in the Garrison Mess beating the R.E. Mess by five games to one.

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Sgt. Major Flynn150
Sgt. Hyatt113
Q.M.S. Whittam78
Sgt. Major Smith92
Cpl. Townsend146
The highest break (29) was made by Cpl. Townsend.

PALACE HOTEL.

LAST NIGHT'S EXHIBITION GAME.

A most interesting game of billiards was witnessed at the above Hotel last night when T. B. Golding played an exhibition game with Capt. E. B. Green. The game was 600 up. After a very consistent game Golding ran out winner by 36 points.

Final scores:—Golding; 600; and Green, 564.
The highest breaks of the winner were 32, 26, 25, 23, 22, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16 and 15. The loser compiled 24, 24, 22, 20, 18, 17, 17, 16, 15 and 15.

CRICKET.

C.R.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the C.R.C. in the above League match on Saturday on the University ground.—Ng See Kwong (capt.), Un Hew Fan, Wei Wing Lock, Choa Man Ping, Shin Man Ping, Hung Man To, Geo. Lee, H. Ching, James Wong, Lo Man Pun and Lai Kum.

M. C. C. TEAM BEATEN.

BRILLIANT VICTORY FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.
Sydney, Nov. 22nd.—The M. C. C. suffered the first defeat of their tour today when New South Wales gained a brilliant victory by six wickets, scoring 335 runs in the fourth innings of the match for the loss of only four wickets.

About 17,000 spectators were present when the second innings of the M. C. C. continued in warm weather. The wicket was good and the remaining batsmen were dismissed without much difficulty and the home side were set to get 334 runs to win. This they accomplished unexpectedly, thanks to the brilliant first wicket partnership between Macartney and Collins, which made victory practically certain. Both batsmen played confident and attractive cricket, and 244 of the runs required were obtained before the Captain of the Imperial Forces team was caught in the slips. Macartney was joined by

Andrews and continued to bat freely. When he left at 222 the issue was placed beyond doubt.

For New South Wales, Gregory took five wickets for 67 runs; Kelleway two for 33; Malley three for 100.

For the M.C.C. Woolley took one for 74; Hearn, two for 44.

Scores:—
M. C. C. first innings, 236.
New South Wales first innings, 153.

M. C. C. 2ND INNINGS.
Hobbs, c. Hendry, b. Gregory 5
Russell, b. Gregory 1
Hearn, c. Gregory, b. Malley 81
Hendren, b. Malley 27
Makepeace, b. Gregory 3
Woolley, b. Gregory 26
Douglas, c. Taylor, b. Malley 11
Rhodes, l.b.w., b. Kelleway 26
Fender, c. Collins, b. Kelleway 54
Strudwick, c. Collins, b. Gregory 3
Howell, not out 0
Extras 13
Total 250

NEW SOUTH WALES.—2ND INNINGS.

Macartney, l.b.w., b. Hearn 161
Collins, c. Russell, b. Fender 106
Andrews, c. Hearn, b. Woolley 54
Kelleway, l.b.w., b. Hearn 11
Gregory, not out 3
Extras 11
Total (for 4 wickets) 335

M. C. C. IN AUSTRALIA.

BARRACKING AT MELBOURNE.

The games played by the M. C. C. against South Australia and Victoria would, from the fairly full reports appearing in the Australian papers just to hand, seem from a playing point of view to have been uneventful, the victories of the Englishmen being in both games too decisive to admit of much excitement. As a batting side the scores they compiled would seem to indicate that they more than justified the high opinions formed of them before leaving England, but apparently they did not entirely please the Melbourne crowds, for in the M. C. C.'s first innings there, Hobbs and Hearn were barracked, the crowd considering that the rate of scoring was not fast enough. At this period the Englishmen had scored 150 in 140 minutes, the last 40 runs having been made in 45 minutes. This is not a break-neck pace, admittedly, but neither is it, judged by the standards of English county cricket, particularly slow.

Yet the barracking of the batsmen was not the worst feature of the game at Melbourne. Mr. Douglas may or may not have made himself popular in Melbourne on the last tour, but that he should have been twice barracked when his side was fielding, once when appealing for a cessation of play on account of rain, and once when appealing for l.b.w. passes, the bounds of ordinary courtesy. The English captain is too well known the world over as a sportsman for any idea to be entertained at his making frivolous appeals, and the action of the Australian crowds, who already enjoy anything but a good reputation in England, if persisted in, may have serious consequences. Barracking may be part of the game in Australia. But it is not tolerated in England. English opinion on the matter may be gathered from the following comment in the *Daily Chronicle* after the game. "It is not cricket. Judging from the cable reports, it is time that the Australian authorities took definite steps to suppress such unsportsmanlike outbursts before tension of the tests is reached."

HOCKEY.

H.E.C. v. NAVY.

An interesting match took place yesterday, on the U.S.R.C. ground, at Kowloon, between the Hongkong Hockey Club and a combined Naval team and ended in a draw, the score being one all.

The death occurred in Japan on November 29 of Mrs. Hodges, widow of the late Mr. Geo. Hodges, one of the oldest residents of the port. Mrs. Hodges came to Japan in the very early days of foreign residence, coming with her husband, who was one of the bodyguard of Sir Harry Parkes, Britain's first Minister to Japan. With her husband she saw the development of Japan along modern lines and has been a personal witness to the many changes which have marked the development both as affecting Japanese and foreign residents. Mrs. Hodges, who was 78 years of age, has been an invalid for some considerable time.

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